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AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT  
Examiner: R. Koehler  
Docket No.: 31716US1

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)  
TO ACCEPT COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS  
(Filed in response to Paper No. 7)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84, Applicant hereby petitions and requests that the Office accept color photographs in the above-identified case. The \$130.00 petition fee is included. The conditions for accepting color photographs have been met. Three copies of each color photograph are included developed on A4-sized paper in compliance with Rule 1.84(e)-(f). Black-and-white photocopies of the color photographs are also included.

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Color photographs are necessary in this case to compare the colors of the inventive coating and other prior art coatings. The discussion in the specification comparing the various colors would be meaningless if the photographs were available only in black and white.

If there are any fees required by this communication not covered by an enclosed check, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, order No. 31716US1.

Respectfully submitted,  
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